



# Minnesota Forest Resources Council

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Conservation Organizations  
County Land Commissioners  
Department of Natural Resources  
Environmental Organizations  
Forest Products Industry  
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Resort and Tourism Industry  
USDA – Forest Service

**DATE:** May 15, 2014

**TO:** MINNESOTA FOREST RESOURCES COUNCIL

**FROM:** DAVE ZUMETA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**RE:** PREPARATION FOR May 28, 2014 MFRC MEETING

In preparation for the May 28, 2014 meeting of the Minnesota Forest Resources Council (MFRC), attached are the following materials (those related to action items are in **bold**):

1. This cover memo
2. **March 19, 2014 MFRC draft meeting minutes**
3. **May 28, 2014 MFRC draft meeting agenda**
4. MFRC committee reports

## Meeting Logistics

The MFRC will meet on May 28, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the upper conference room at the Northland Arboretum in Brainerd, MN (14250 Conservation Drive, Brainerd, MN 56401). Directions to the meeting are provided below.

From US-10 West, take MN-371 toward Brainerd. Take MN-371 through Baxter to Excelsior Road and turn East. Drive 8/10 of a mile to Conservation Drive. Turn left (North). The Arboretum is at the end of the road.

For more information about the Northland Arboretum, call 218-829-8770, or <http://northlandarb.org/>

## Meeting Agenda

**Committee of the Whole:** Forrest Boe, Wayne Brandt and Dave Zumeta will provide a brief overview of outcomes from the 2014 legislative session in relation to the DNR (especially the Division of Forestry), forest industry, and the MFRC (especially Sustainable Forest Resources Act revisions).

**Global competitiveness of the primary forest products industry: update on steering committee's work and discussion** – Bob Stine and Calder Hibbard will provide an overview of the efforts of the global competitiveness steering committee and associated work group to respond to request from DNR Commissioner Landwehr to update work

that had been done on this topic for former Governor Pawlenty in 2003, 2006, and 2007.

**Climate-informed forest management forum and field day outcomes** – Greg Bernu and Dave Zumeta will provide a summary of outcomes from the May 7 and 8 climate-informed forest management forum field day in Grand Rapids and on the Chippewa National Forest, respectively. This two-day event is the culmination of the MFRC's charge to staff 3+ years ago to coordinate a climate change response framework development effort for northern and central Minnesota in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and several other organizations.

**Potential listing of the Northern Long-eared Bat: implications for Minnesota forest management** – Forrest Boe will introduce several speakers. Rich Baker, Endangered Species Coordinator, DNR Division of Ecological and Water Resources, will frame the issues relating to potential listing of the Northern Long-eared Bat as a federally endangered species. Lisa Mandell, Deputy Project Leader, and Phil Delphey, Endangered Species Coordinator, Twin Cities Field Office, USDI Fish and Wildlife Service, will present the status of this species' listing as federally endangered in Minnesota and other Lake States. Finally, Amber Ellering, Forest Analyst, DNR Division of Forestry, will discuss forest management implications of the potential listing.

**Update on Northeast Landscape Plan revision process and timeline** – Shaun Hamilton will introduce Lindberg Ekola, who will provide an update on the Northeast Landscape Plan revision process and changes to the plan revision timeline. This presentation will help provide the basis for a future evaluation of the plan revision process and what lessons can be learned from it.

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\*denotes action item